

**ENNERDALE RURAL DISTRICT**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH**

**FOR THE YEAR 1965**

**AND REPORT OF THE**

**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSPECTOR**



**ENNERDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE  
1965-66**

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To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the  
ENNERDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the year 1965. The vital statistics show that although births exceeded deaths by 267, the Registrar General's estimate of the population in the area for 1965 showed a decrease of 40. This indicated a population trend away from the district.

The incidence of infectious disease is still low in the district and though there has been a decrease of one in the number of tuberculosis cases notified the figure is still high compared with the national average.

The remainder of the report is by the Chief Public Health Inspector and shows the sterling work carried out in that department.

The first part of the report is probably rather sketchy but this is due to the fact that it was compiled after the death of Dr. Dobson, your Medical Officer.

I am greatly indebted to Mr. J. Buttery, and the staff of the Ennerdale Rural District Council Office for their help in preparing this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. SMITH, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.



## SECTION A.

### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

#### 1.—General Statistics

Area of Rural District in acres	...	...	...	88,730
Population (Registrar-General's estimate, mid-year, 1965)	...	...	...	31,940
Census Population, 1961	...	...	...	30,859
Persons per acre	...	...	...	0.36
Number of inhabited houses, 1965-66, according to rate books	...	...	...	10,054
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£1,109,593
Estimated Product of a Penny rate, 1966-67	...	...	...	£4,746

#### VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Number of legitimate live births	...	610	
Number of illegitimate live births	...	34	(5.3%)

<b>Total live births</b>	...	...	...	<u>644</u>
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Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of population	20.2		
<b>Adjusted Birth Rate</b> per 1,000 of population	20.0		
(b) Number of legitimate still births	...	...	7
Number of illegitimate still births	...	...	3

<b>Total still births</b>	...	...	...	<u>10</u>
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<b>Still birth rate</b> per 1,000 total live and still births	6.5
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#### DEATHS

(a)	<b>Infant Deaths</b> (deaths under 1 year)					
	Legitimate infants	...	...	...	...	15
	Illegitimate infants	...	...	...	...	1
	<b>Total infant deaths</b>	...	...	...	...	<u>16</u>
	<b>Infant mortality rate</b> per 1,000 live births					24.8
	Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	24.6
	Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	29.4
(b)	<b>Neo-Natal mortality rate</b> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)				...	15.5

(c) <b>Early Neo-Natal mortality rate</b> (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births) ...	13.9
(d) <b>Perinatal mortality rate</b> (still births and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and still births) ...	29.1
(e) <b>Maternal mortality</b> (including abortion) ...	Nil
(f) Deaths at all ages ...	376
Crude death rate per 1,000 of population ...	11.8
<b>Adjusted death rate</b> per 1,000 of population	14.3

Statistics for the Rural District are shown in relation to those of the County and England and Wales in Table 1.

**TABLE 1.**  
**Comparative Statistics**

	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
Ennerdale R. D. ...	20.2	11.8	24.8
Cumberland (Administrative County) ...	17.4	12.0	16.9
England and Wales ...	18.0	11.5	19.0

The rates given in Table 1 still show a higher birth rate for the district than the County as a whole. The infantile death rate is raised this year but last year was very low indeed.

Tables 2 and 3 below show the corrected birth and death rate for the last five years. The correction is made in each case by applying a comparability factor supplied by the Registrar General.

**TABLE 2.**  
**Birth Rates**

Year	Number of Births	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population :
		Ennerdale R.D. England & Wales
1961 ...	641	20.8 17.4
1962 ...	688	22.1 18.0
1963 ...	675	21.6 18.2
1964 ...	673	20.8 18.4
1965 ...	644	20.0 18.0

Table 3 shows death rates over the past five years.

**TABLE 3.**

**Death Rates**

Year.	Number of Deaths		Death Rate per 1,000 of population :	
			Ennerdale R.D.	England & Wales
1961	...	346	13.5	12.0
1962	...	354	13.4	11.9
1963	...	397	16.1	12.2
1964	...	344	13.4	11.3
1965	...	376	14.3	11.5

The figures and rates for the year 1965 are above the national average. There was a slight increase in the number of total deaths of 32.

Again among the causes of death only two were attributable to notifiable disease. There were no maternal deaths.

Infant mortality rates are given in Table 4 and the causes of death in infants in Table 5.

**TABLE 4.**

**Infant Death Rate**

Year	Number of Infant Deaths		Death Rate per 1,000 live births:	
			Ennerdale R.D.	England & Wales
1961	...	19	30	21
1962	...	23	34	22
1963	...	18	27	21
1964	...	11	16.3	20
1965	...	16	24.8	19

The number of infant deaths increased by 5 over the previous year which was an exceptionally good year.



TABLE 5.  
Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age

Cause of Death	Age in Weeks				Age in Months				Totals
	0—	1—	2—	3—	1—	3—	6—	9—	
Prematurity	...	...	...	3	—	—	—	—	3
Asphyxia	...	...	...	1	—	—	1	—	2
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	5	—	1	—	1	8
Enteritis	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	1
Middle Ear Infection	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Under 1 month				Over 1 month				
Total deaths	...	...	...	10	...	...	6	...	16

## Cancer Mortality

There were 74 deaths from cancer, the primary sites of the lesions being shown in Table 6.

**TABLE 6.**  
**Deaths from Cancer**

Location of Disease	Male	Female	Total
Stomach ... ..	13	5	18
Lung, bronchus ... ..	17	2	19
Colon, rectum & caecum ...	4	3	7
Breast ... ..	—	4	4
Uterus ... ..	—	2	2
Bladder ... ..	3	—	3
Prostate ... ..	3	—	3
Pancreas ... ..	3	1	4
Other Sites ... ..	6	8	14
	49	25	74

There was an increase in death from cancer to 74. These figures still show an increasing death from cancer of the lung although deaths from cancer of the breast and uterus decline.

The death rates from cancer are shown in Table 7 which shows also the local rate slightly above the national average.

**TABLE 7.**  
**Cancer Death Rates**

Year	Number of Deaths		Annual Death Rate per 1,000 of population :	
			Ennerdale R.D.	England & Wales
1961	...	49	1.58	2.16
1962	...	53	1.68	2.18
1963	...	80	2.59	2.18
1964	...	67	2.09	2.21
1965	...	74	2.31	2.23

**TABLE 8.**  
**CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1965**  
**Registrar-General's Classification**

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	1	—
Other Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	14	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	17	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	—	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	—	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	2	1
Diabetes ... ..	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	21	39
Coronary disease, angina ... ..	53	35
Hypertension with heart disease ...	—	3
Other heart disease ... ..	14	16
Other circulatory disease ... ..	9	14
Influenza ... ..	—	2
Pneumonia ... ..	3	7
Bronchitis ... ..	12	2
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	6	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	2	—
Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	2	—
Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	1	—
Congenital malformations ... ..	5	4
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	13	14
Motor Vehicle accidents ... ..	1	—
All other accidents ... ..	2	6
Suicide ... ..	2	1
Homicide and Operations of War ...	1	1
Total (all causes)	203	173
	376	

## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

**(a) Staff.**

There were no changes in staff during the year.

**(b) Laboratory Facilities.**

Bacteriological facilities are available at the West Cumberland Hospital as well as at the Public Health Laboratory, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. Analysis of water samples can be carried out also by the Laboratory or by Public Analysts.

**(c) Local Health Authority Services.**

Medical services provided under Part III of the National Health Service Act are the responsibility of the Cumberland County Council. Information about the provision of Home Nursing, Home Helps, Immunisation and other services is available at the office of the Area Medical Officer, Area Health Office, Flatt Walks, Whitehaven.

Clinics are held as follows :—

	Frizington	Cleator Moor	Egremont
Child Welfare	Mon. 2-00 p.m.	Thurs. 2-00 p.m.	Thurs. 2-00 p.m.
Ante-Natal	Wed. 2-00 p.m.	Wed. 2-00 p.m.	Wed. 2-00 p.m.
Dental	Tue. 9-30 a.m.	Tue. 9-30 a.m.	Mon. 9-30 a.m. Fri. 9-30 a.m.

A number of ante-natal clinics are conducted by general practitioners at their own surgeries in conjunction with the district midwife.

Attendance at the consultant and other special clinics at Flatt Walks is by appointment only. Sessions are held as follows : ophthalmic, orthopaedic, child guidance, speech therapy, hearing assessment and training, and chiropody.

The Junior Training Centre, Flatt Walks, has 65 places for sub-normal children. Adult Training is provided at the new Centre at Distington.

**(d) National Assistance Acts.**

No action was taken under the provisions of the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951.

## **SECTION C.**

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

A report by the Chief Public Health Inspector on the work of the year has been submitted and will be found at the end of this report.

#### **Water Supplies**

The sources of water supply for the district are given in the schedules below.

The chlorinated supplies are indicated in the schedules.



Ennerdale Rural District Council Water Supplies, 1965

Source	Reservoir supplied		Area served
Owsen Fell (Chlorinated)	Boonwood	95,000 g.	Distington (part)
	Gilgarran Tank	95,000 g.	Distington (part)
	Watch Hill	96,000 g.	Moresby Parks
	Pica Tank	9,400 g.	Pica
Cogra Moss (Filtered)	High Leys	480,000 g.	Arlecdon, Frizington
	Sheriff's Hill	15,000 g.	Asby, Lamplugh Ennerdale Bridge
Ennerdale Lake (Chlorinated)			Parton (part)
			Egremont (part)
			St. Bees (part)
			Moor Row
	Nannycatch	600,000 g.	Cleator Cleator Moor
	Sandwith	1,500,000 g.	St. Bees Rottington
	Harras Moor	500,000 g.	Parton Lowca Low Moresby

Note on Sampling : All samples were of water delivered to consumers

Note on Classification : Class I—Excellent. Class II—Satisfactory

General assessment of: Quantity	Quality	No. of Bacteriological Analyses and Classification				Total
		I.	II.	III.	IV.	
Sufficient	Good	17	—	—	—	17
Sufficient	Good	14	3	3	6	26
Sufficient	Good	64	—	—	2	66

Class III—Suspicious.      Class—IV—Unsatisfactory.

except where stated in text.

**Ennerdale Rural District Council Water Supplies, 1965**

Source	Reservoir supplied		Area served
Worm Gill (Chlorinated)	Wilton	1,750,000 g.	Egremont (part)
	Pallaflat	95,000 g.	Bigrigg
			Woodend
			Gosforth (part)
	Winscales	500,000 g.	Beckermest
			Coulderton
			Ponsonby
			Haile
			Calderbridge
	Coulderton	10,000 g.	Lowside Quarter
Gosforth (Guards) (Chlorinated)	Gosforth	90,000 g.	Gosforth (part)
Wastwater (Chlorinated)			Gosforth (part)
Totals			

Note on Classification : Class I—Excellent. Class II—Satisfactory

Note on Sampling : All samples were of water delivered to consumers

(continued)

Quantity	General assessment of: Quality	No. of Bacteriological Analyses and Classification				Total
		I.	II.	III.	IV.	
Sufficient	Satisfactory	34	1	—	—	35
Sufficient	Satisfactory	5	1	—	—	6
		10	—	—	—	10
		144	5	3	8	160

Class III—Suspicious.      Class—IV—Unsatisfactory.

except where stated in text.

## **Sewerage**

**NORTHERN AREA** (Distington, Moresby, Lowca and Parton).

Scheme to commence in the New Year.

**CENTRAL AREA** (Arlecdon, Frizington, Cleator Moor, Cleator, Bigrigg, Moor Row and St. Bees).

Scheme commenced.

**ARLECDON/LAMPLUGH AREA**

Works proceeding on main connecting sewer.

**CLEATOR MOOR TO CLEATOR**

Relief sewer commenced and 50% of the work has been completed.

**ROWRAH AND ASBY**

Schemes being prepared.



## SECTION D.

### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Notifications, other than those of tuberculosis, are shown in Table 10.

**TABLE 10.**  
**Infectious and Other Notifiable Diseases**

Disease				No. of cases Notified	Died
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	16	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	27	—
Measles	...	...	...	871	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	17	—

The incidence of infectious and other notifiable disease was low and calls for no special comment.

No instance of food poisoning came to light during the year.

### TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications in 1965 were received as follows :—

**TABLE 11.**  
**Tuberculosis Notifications**

			Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Total
Male	...	17	—		17
Female	...	3		1	4
Total	...	20		1	21

Notifications of tuberculosis decreased by one on the previous year — four additional cases of respiratory tuberculosis and two of non-respiratory disease. The incidence of tuberculosis in the district still remains high in comparison with that of the Country as a whole. (See Table 12).

**TABLE 12.**  
**Tuberculosis Incidence**  
**Notifications per 100,000 of the Population**

Year	Respiratory :		Non-Respiratory :	
	Ennerdale R.D.	England & Wales	Ennerdale R.D.	England & Wales
1958	124	59	10	8
1959	72	57	10	7
1960	101	47	17	6
1961	55	45	6	6
1962	41	39	13	6
1963	41	36	9	6
1964	53	47	16	6
1965	63	42	3	6

Protection against tuberculosis by B.C.G. vaccination continues to be carried out by the local health authority for school children and by the hospital service for contacts. The number of children tested and protected this year is smaller than that of last year but last year's figures covered two age groups. The percentage of children positive to the Mantoux Test is still low although it is a slight increase on last year's.

**TABLE 13.**  
**B.C.G. Vaccination**

Year	No. of children eligible for test	No. and % age of parents consenting	Number tested	No. and % age Mantoux positive	No. given B.C.G.
1956 ...	297	252 (85%)	235	98 (42%)	137
1957 ...	387	316 (82%)	311	114 (37%)	195
1958 ...	414	296 (73%)	284	101 (36%)	182
1959 ...	315	247 (78%)	234	80 (34%)	152
1960 ...	341	252 (74%)	225	61 (27%)	155
1961 ...	416	336 (81%)	323	69 (21%)	206
1962 ...	423	330 (78%)	280	47 (17%)	211
1963 ...	437	331 (76%)	267	40 (15%)	193
1964 ...	786	618 (79%)	550	63 (11.5%)	429
1965 ...	446	355 (80%)	338	63 (19%)	236

**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**INSPECTOR**

# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

## Housing

The following shows the housing position and action taken during the year :—

A.	1.	Total number of occupied houses in the district	...	...	...	...	9,882
	2.	Total number of occupied houses subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings	...	...	...	...	143
	3.	Estimated number of Houses (exclusive of above) which are unfit for habitation and cannot be made fit at a reasonable cost	...				376
	4.	Number of houses found to be overcrowded					Nil
B.	1.	<b>Waiting Lists</b>					
		Total number of valid applications on Council's waiting lists, exclusive of those living in houses under A.2 and 3 above	...				498
C.		<b>New Houses Completed During the Year</b>					
	1.	By or for the Council :—					
		For aged persons	...	...	—		
		General Purpose Dwellings	...	...	15		
					—		15
	2.	Private building	...	...	...	...	70
							85
D.	1.	Number of houses for which application was made by private persons for Improvement Grants under the Housing Acts, 1949 and 1959	...	...	...	...	85
	2.	Number of houses for which grants were approved	...	...	...	...	51
	3.	Number of houses where improvements were carried out and grants paid	...	...			65
	4.	Number of houses purchased or taken over by the Council with a view to improvement or conversion	...	...	...	...	Nil
	5.	Number of houses improved by the Council :					
		(i) With grant	...	...	...	...	Nil
		(ii) Without grant	...	...	...	...	Nil



## E. Houses Demolished

### In Clearance Areas :

		Houses Demolished	Displaced : Persons	Families
1	Houses unfit for human habitation	10	14	6
2	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Houses on land acquired under Section 43, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

### Not in Clearance Areas :—

4	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	79	15	5
5.	Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil

## F. Unfit Houses Closed

1	Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	16	41	11
2	Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil

## G. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied

		By Owner	By Local Authority
1	After informal action by Local Authority	21	Nil
2	After formal action under		
	(a) Public Health Acts ... ..	2	Nil
	(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	2	Nil
3	Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ...	—	Nil

## H. Clearance Areas

An enquiry into the Ennerdale Rural District Compulsory Purchase Order (Fearon Street, Chapel Street, High Street and Cain Street Bigrigg) 1964 and Egremont No. 27 Clearance Order 1964, comprising one hundred and seven houses, was held in January and confirmation of the areas was received in August.



## I. House Letting

Ninety one houses were let in accordance with the Council's "Points Scheme." 38 to tenants and 53 to sub tenants. 27 houses were allocated to applicants nominated by the Council. 24 families residing in Council houses were transferred into houses more suitable to their needs. 2 houses were let to agricultural workers.

## Inspection and Supervision of Food

### (a) Milk :

There are 15 registered distributors and/or dairies in the district.

Of the 57 samples of milk taken 2 were not satisfactory.

### (b) Food Inspections :

The following table shows the number and type of food premises in the district and the number of inspections made :

Column A—shows the number of inspections where the premises were found to be satisfactory in all respects.

Column B—shows the number of premises which contravened the regulations in any respect these were dealt with verbally or by informal letter.

Premises :	Number of Premises	Number of Inspections	
		A	B
Butchers ... ..	16	1	—
Fishmongers and Poulterers ...	3	6	—
Greengrocers ... ..	6	2	—
Grocers ... ..	104	55	6
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	4	6	—
Confectioners ... ..	24	7	—
Dairies ... ..	15	75	1
Restaurants, Canteens, etc. ...	24	1	—
Ice Cream Premises :			
(a) Manufacturers ... ..	1	3	—
(b) Retailers ... ..	84	1	—
Licensed Premises ... ..	107	12	2
Guest and Boarding Houses ...	4	2	—
Bakehouses ... ..	8	4	—
Slaughterhouses ... ..	1	140	—
Street Vendors and Hawker Carts	10	129	5
Warehouses ... ..	2	2	—

Of the above premises 10 are registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food, and 84 for the sale of ice cream. There is one registered manufacturer of ice cream.

Two samples of ice cream were taken, both were grade I.

Condemned open food is dealt with by incineration, tinned goods are either opened and burnt or buried intact. The following table shows the amount of food condemned as unsatisfactory :—

Commodity					Weight in Pounds
Meat	...	...	...	...	237½
Fish	...	...	...	...	36
Vegetables		...	...	...	89
Fruit	...	...	...	...	137
Milk Products		...	...	...	63¾
Soups	...	...	...	...	3¾
Cereals	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous		...	...	...	10½

(c) Slaughterhouses :

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the area, all carcasses slaughtered are inspected.

The following table shows the number of carcasses inspected and condemned :—

**CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED**

	Cattle excluding Cows   Cows   Calves			Sheep and Lambs   Pigs   Horses		
Number killed	65	—	—	234	114	—
Number inspected	65	—	—	234	114	—
<b>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	2	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci	—	—	—	.85	—	—
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part of organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Cysticercosis</b>						
Carcases of which some part of organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

(d) Meat Inspection :

The following table shows disease found other than tuberculosis and the amount of meat affected and destroyed :

Weight in Pounds

Cirrrosis	...	...	...	6
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## Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Altogether 133 premises are on our register, of which 115 have now received at least an initial inspection. During the period four registered premises were discovered which, for various reasons, did not come within the scope of the Act. Three others were found which had not been registered, no action was taken other than to issue these with registration forms.

Only three premises complied entirely with the provisions of the Act, but at the time of inspection the majority of contraventions were of a minor nature, e.g. non-provision of either thermometers, 'abstracts of the Act,' or first aid boxes. These were items which could easily be provided, consequently more than half of our premises will now comply fully with the provisions of the Act.

The structural alterations required in ten premises were either — "to construct ventilated 'ante rooms' between sanitary conveniences and workrooms," (4 premises) or — "to provide handrails to potentially dangerous staircases," (6 premises).

Although the decoration of walls etc., cannot, apparently, be required, we have asked for this to be done in some shop premises—usually in the store rooms or rooms containing toilet facilities. I think it would be useful to incorporate this provision in Section 4 in a form similar to Section 1 of the Factories Act.

We seem to have solved any problems of 'demarcation', with the useful co-operation of the factory inspector and the main problem will now be to maintain or rather obtain, a common standard of inspection if possible throughout the Country. Always a difficult case is the small dwelling house shop where the single employee is usually treated like, "one of the family," it seems unreasonable to me to require additional separate washing and sanitary accommodation for the employee, when they have been using the adjacent domestic facilities provided for the employers themselves. However, perhaps we could have some official guidance on this particular point.

Since we commenced inspections our policy has been to act as much as possible in an advisory capacity to the employers. This method of approach has worked very well and most employers appear to be quite willing to co-operate in providing the necessary suitable environment for their employees.



### **Filthy and Verminous Premises :**

Thirty eight inspections were made to 23 houses. The method of dealing with verminous premises by supplying insecticides, instructing occupiers in their use and in general principles of hygiene, continues.

### **Control of Rats and Mice :**

The contract for the treatment of the Council's property, which includes sewers and tips continues and is working satisfactorily. Included in the work is the treatment of tips during the summer months against fly and insect infestation.

### **Drainage and Sewerage :**

Eight houses were converted from the conservancy system to water carriage :

Parish	Drained to :	
	Main Sewer	Septic Tank
Ennerdale and Kinniside	...	1
Cleator Moor	...	1
Lamplugh	...	4
Lowside Quarter	...	1
Netherwasdale	...	1
	Nil	8

### **Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Six refuse tips are within the area, these are situated at Langhorn, Bigrigg 2, Cleator Moor, Distington, Frizington and Moor Row.

Private contractors employed on the collection of refuse and privy contents have continued to deal with fifty-five out-lying properties distributed in the following parishes :

Arledon and Frizington, 45; and Moresby 10.

### **Public Swimming Baths**

There is one public swimming bath in the District.



## Water Supply

Particulars of the number of houses and the estimated population on public supplies are shown in the following table :

Parish	No. of houses supplied from Estimated Public Water Mains: Population			
	No. of Houses	(a) Direct	(b) Stand-pipe	Supplied
Arlecdon and Frizington	1275	1259	10	4233
Cleator Moor ...	2328	2326	—	7742
Distington ...	873	856	—	2870
Egremont ...	2261	2259	—	7552
Ennerdale and Kinniside	95	53	—	176
Gosforth ...	298	282	—	938
Haile ...	54	48	—	159
Lamplugh ...	211	187	—	623
Lowca ...	237	236	—	786
Lowside Quarter ...	161	83	—	277
Moresby ...	303	292	—	971
Netherwasdale ...	41	12	—	40
Parton ...	410	406	—	1353
Ponsonby ...	26	23	—	76
Rottington ...	20	18	—	60
St. Bees ...	455	445	—	1479
St. Bridget ...	188	163	—	503
St. John ...	521	520	—	1731
Weddicar ...	125	113	5	393

## Movable Dwellings

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

During the year seven caravan site licences were renewed, for 84 caravans, two caravan sites were licensed for single caravans.

## Other Inspections

The following table is a summary of inspections carried out not appearing in another part of the report and not calling for special consideration :

Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	76
New Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	84
Caravan Sites, Camping Grounds and Movable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	118
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	4
Refuse Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	20
Building Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	136
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	259
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	62
Insect Infestation	...	...	...	...	...	41
Number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	315
Number of inspections made to houses	...	...	...	...	...	450
Enquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	72
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease inspections	...	...	...	...	...	64
Number of properties inspected under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	...	100
Number of inspections made to properties under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	...	160
Number of inspections made under the Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	...	4
Improvement Grant Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	567
Miscellaneous inspections	...	...	...	...	...	438
Visits, Re. House Letting	...	...	...	...	...	773

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**Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961**

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

### 1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	Number of Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	3	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	76	6	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	6	—	—	—
Total	85	7	1	—

### 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	reme- died (3)	referred to H.M. In- spectors (4)	by H.M. In- spectors (5)	Number of cases in which prose- cutions were in- stituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	1	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	2	—	2	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out Work) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	3	—	3	—

# PART VIII. OF THE ACT OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	No. of out- Workers in August list required by Section (110(1) (c)	Section 133		Section 134		
		No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	prose- cution
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wear (Making apparel, etc.)	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and wash- ing Household linen	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, Lace curtains and nets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electro-plating	—	—	—	—	—	—
File Making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brass and brass articles	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and Steel cables and chains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron and steel an- chors and grapnels	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cart gear	—	—	—	—	—	—
Locks, latches and keys	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial flowers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	—	—	—	—	—	—



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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Tents	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks	—	—	—	—	—	—
Racquet and tennis balls	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper bags	—	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pea picking	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feather sorting	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding etc., of buttons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stuffed toys	—	—	—	—	—	—
Basket making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chocolates and sweetmeats	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Textile weaving	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—	—



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